# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF WATER
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether huge quantity of water is lost due to lack of proper technology for making this water fit for use; and

(b) if so, the steps taken for development of appropriate technologies to use this unutilized water?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) The average annual water availability in the country is assessed as 1869 billion cubic metre (BCM) but the utilizable water is estimated to be about 1123 BCM. Full utilization of all the available water is not possible primarily due to topographic, hydrological and other constraints. With a view to augment the utilizable water resources, various measures such as utilization of surplus flood water by transfer to water short area through inter-linking of rivers, rainwater harvesting and ground water recharge have been envisaged.